

Starburst

Your DOE-VPP News Source

This edition of Starburst highlights: a new electrical safety video updates Pantex and Hanford activities. It also provides details concerning a Germantown, MD meeting of the Laboratory DOE-VPP Group and covers the Savannah River Site on-site evaluation followup activity.

Region X VPPPA Conference-

"Partners for Safety Excellence"

**May 14-15, 1997
Tumwater,
Washington**

Strong total participation from DOE contractors was evident at this VPPPA-sponsored event. About 30% of the audience came from the Hanford Site. Fluor Daniel Hanford (FDH) was one of the sponsors for the conference. Speeches from Richard Terrill, Acting OSHA Regional Administrator for Region X, Gary Moore, Washington Director of Labor and Industries and a representative from Oregon OSHA, all gave encouragement and support to the growing VPP in Region X. Breakout sessions included speakers from Region X OSHA and WISHA STAR/Merit sites and several people from Hanford. Joe Dear, Chief of Staff for the Governor of Washington, closed the meeting with an uplifting presentation about VPP in the Northwest.



Left to right: Monte Wilson, LMITCO; Mike Graefe, LMITCO; Sharon Chivers, LMITCO; Nancy Hammond DOE-VPP at HQ share ideas at the reception for workshop participants.

(Photos courtesy of Jack Kalia, DE&S Hanford, Inc.)



Jennifer Smith, with DE&S Hanford, Inc., presents how contractors at Hanford implemented DOE-VPP during the session on "Continuous Improvement".

The 13th Annual VPPPA conference will be in Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, LA from September 9 - 12, 1997. Hope to see you there!



Hanford DOE-VPP

“Partnering for Safety”

Workshop

Explore the VPP process and how it builds stronger working relationships between workers, managers, and customers; network; and learn about successful safety programs at the Department of Energy-Voluntary Protection Program (DOE-VPP) Workshop scheduled at the Doubletree Hotel in Pasco, WA on September 22-24, 1997.

In addition to two days of plenary panels and speakers, 20 breakout sessions, and exhibits, an informal poolside reception is scheduled for Monday, September 22. Joseph A. Dear, Washington State Chief of Staff, and former OSHA Assistant Secretary, will speak on *The Power of Partnership*. Gerard F. Scannell, President, National Safety Council, will speak on *VPP and DOE--An Industry Perspective*.

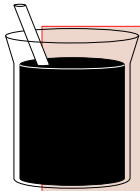
Tours of the Hanford facility will be offered on Monday, September 22, and Thursday, September 25. You may indicate on your workshop registration form if you are interested in a

tour. For additional information, call Debbie Reed at (509) 376-0981.

Identify the DOE-VPP block of rooms when calling one of the following hotels for reservations: Doubletree, 2525 North 20th St. (host hotel) at (509) 547-0701 or Holiday Inn Express (50 rooms) at (509) 736-3326.

Workshop registration is limited. For more information or a registration packet, call Therese Burke (301) 903-8807 or Jody Briones (509) 372-0174.

The workshop is being held in conjunction with the Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response (HAMMER) Training Facility dedication. Contact Rita Pool at (509) 372-7769 for information on HAMMER activities and tours.



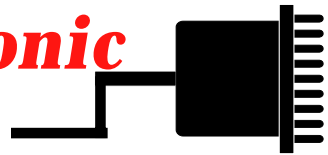
Laboratory DOE-VPP Meetings

In late April, the Laboratory DOE-VPP Group met in Germantown, MD for two days to discuss the DOE-VPP application to the laboratory environment and their work plan. The meeting, attended by over 15 field representatives and Headquarters personnel, began with a review of DOE-VPP principles. Darryl Petry, Savannah River Site, provided interspersed commentary on how his site implemented these principles.

On the second day, Dave Smith and Paul Reeverts addressed the relationship between Integrated Safety Management Systems (ISMS) and DOE-VPP (slides available upon request). Later that morning, Joel Wong, Group Chair, broke the Group into three subgroups to work on the proposed site survey, the relationship between ISMS and VPP, and a draft outline for a white paper. This white paper, due in September, will discuss laboratory site survey results, outline the relationship between ISMS and VPP and detail the benefits of voluntary protection program efforts. With the white paper in hand, the Group plans to ask for some regulatory relief or other incentive for laboratory sites that have achieved VPP status.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Joe Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Worker Safety and Health (EH-5). He discussed the importance of “ownership” of the DOE-VPP process at each worksite and by the National Labs as a whole.

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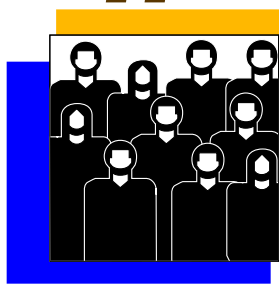


- Fluor Daniel Hanford and subcontractors have a new VPP Homepage at www.hanford.gov/safety/vpp/vppage.htm.
- If you are interested in empowered employee safety committees, visit the Executive Safety Committee of Plant Engineering at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory at www.llnl.gov/pe/exsc.
- The Laboratory group has a home page at URL: drambuie.lanl.gov/outsidein/vpp/vppindex.htm
- The Headquarters DOE-VPP homepage is accessible at www.eh.doe.gov/VPP and from the EH-5 homepage.

“Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.”

- George S. Patton

Happenings



LARGE/ACTIVE SITE CUSTOMERS

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A VPP-GRAM to the site President. Monthly teleconference/videoconferences are

also held with LMITCO, DOE-ID and DOE-HQ.

Fluor Daniel Hanford and the Richland Operations Office are co-hosting a DOE-VPP "Partnering for Safety" workshop from September 23 to 24, 1997 in Pasco, WA. See the article on page 2. Safety Expo 97, an annual Hanford safety tradition, was held from May 14-15, 1997. (Submitted by Dann Henry, 509-376-8872)

The Pantex on-site evaluation was delayed at the site's request.

Bechtel Nevada has decided not to submit a DOE-VPP application at this time.

Westinghouse/Bechtel (Savannah River Site) submitted the final report on their seven 90-day action items generated during their on-site review. The report was sent on June 27 to Bob Barber, the on-site review team leader.

NATIONAL LAB CUSTOMERS

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The National Laboratory DOE-VPP Group held a productive meeting in Germantown, MD in April. A core group is working together under the leadership of Joel Wong (510-424-6985) to promote voluntary protection programs at the national laboratories. See the article on page 2.

In July, Joel Wong along with Robert Gaither of Texaco EPT, presented a paper at the Laboratory Safety and Environmental Management conference in San Diego. They discussed the challenges of voluntary protection programs at research and development laboratories. Joel's paper appears at the National Laboratory Group web site (see p. 2).

CLEANUP SITE CUSTOMERS

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There are plans for **Fernald** to sponsor a cleanup site group meeting on July 23 and 24. The meeting is intended to generate enthusiasm and lead to the formation of a working group similar to the National Laboratory DOE-VPP Group.

MK-Ferguson at the Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project (WSSRAP), located in St. Charles, Missouri, submitted a DOE-VPP application to EH-5/Headquarters.

STAR/MERIT PARTNERS

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AlliedSignal at Kansas City (KCP) is the first DOE contractor to be recommended for ISO 14001 certification. KCP integrates ES&H into all its business through ISO14001 and DOE-VPP.

HEADQUARTERS

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Customer Rep Program facilitator, Nancy Hammond, led four intensive workshops for the DOE-VPP Team to examine and refine the DOE-VPP customer representative program. These sessions generated a mission statement and goal for the customer representative program. Customer representatives will support/nurture DOE contractors in their journey to safety and health excellence, resulting in recognition and ongoing participation in the DOE-VPP. The goal is to maintain active DOE-VPP customer involvement and satisfaction.

The Team defined customers as DOE contractors, including union and non-union workers and managers who are pursuing DOE-VPP STAR status. Partners with the DOE-VPP Team are considered to be DOE field offices; CSO's, including the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries of the Department; contracted professionals and specialists; and OSHA and DOE-VPP STAR contractors. Discussion centered on reorganizing the present alignment of regional groups into four functional groups. Under this proposal, a customer representative will cover each functional group. This proposal would help leverage EH resources while still providing comprehensive coverage to our customers and partners.

Exhibit at Worker Protection Criteria Workshop at Forrestal on June 11 and 12

The DOE-VPP team displayed its exhibit at the recent Worker Protection Criteria Workshop. DOE established its policy and framework for worker protection in DOE Orders 450.1 and 450.4. The workshop was held in part to address concerns raised during the development and implementation of ISM (Integrated Safety Management) and whether WPC (Worker Protection Criteria) and ISM are compatible, and not different initiatives going down different paths. Following speakers from the ISM implementation team, Defense Programs, Environmental Management programs, Environmental Health, and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, speakers from five contractor sites addressed hazard analysis, risk management, links to integrated safety management, and performance measures at their respective sites.

The **VPPA magazine** has changed its name from National News to The Leader. This magazine is regularly sent to all VPPA member companies.

???? Q AND A ????

1. Where may I obtain DOE-VPP material to motivate my employees?

Request material from your customer representative. We are here to help!

2. Should I hire an outside consultant?

Yes, if you feel you need the extra help. Some of our sites have done this.

3. Who does on-site evaluations for DOE-VPP?

A team comprised, typically, of members from DOE, OSHA, Industry STAR sites and appropriate subject matter experts

4. What does ELP stand for?

It stands for Environmental Leadership Program (ELP). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) piloted its ELP in April 1995. It is similar in concept to OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). It's based on a slightly modified version of the ISO-14000 standard. Participation is open to any public, private or federal facility that meets ELP criteria. Due to the leadership and exemplary environmental performance of ELP members, EPA may also offer reduced regulatory burden benefits.

Focus on Programs

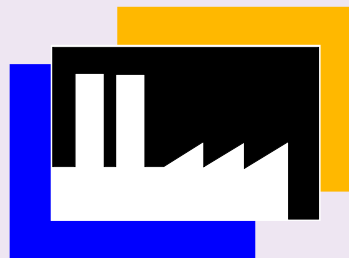
Contractor Programs of Note



Electrical Safety Video

Developed by Los Alamos National Laboratory and distributed through the Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE) IH/OS Special Interest Group, Electrical Safety may be useful for your group. This 17-minute training video presents an introduction for the general population on the safe use of electrical power. In the film, electrical power is traced from generation at the power plant through transmission lines to electrical outlets. The video also illustrates safe work practices for employees working around electrically powered equipment. Government and private agencies that help establish electrical regulations and guidelines are identified. Lastly, the film shows the dangers of lightning and discusses proper indoor and outdoor precautions in lightning storms.

(Submitted by Deborah McFalls, 423-576-4741)



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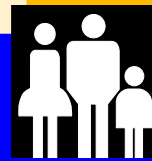
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Personal Notes



Ray Rogers who was formerly on our staff and is now retired, is moving to Cape Cod to be with relatives and friends.

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Calendar

September 9-12

National VPPPA Conference, New Orleans
(call VPPPA, 703-761-1146)

September 25

Deadline for Fall 1997 **Starburst**

September 22-24

DOE-VPP "Partnering for Safety" in Pasco, WA



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